[*English*]

Booking of Telegrams by Private Individuals

*618. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to authorise private individuals provided with public telephones to book telegrams by charging an extra amount on each telegram;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Department of Telecommunications propose to give adequate training to all those individuals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes Sir. A decision has been taken recently to allow telegraph facility from Long Distance Public Telephones located at private premises, subject to feasibility. The scheme is not yet implemented.

(b) Details of the scheme are given in the statement attached.

(c) Yes Sir, All such individuals will be acquainted with the procedure for handling telegrams before the facility is provided.

STATEMENT

Guidelines of the policy for providing phonocom services from Long Distance Public Telephones located in private premises.

Agents/individuals licensed to operate Long Distance Public Telephones installed at private premises may be permitted to provide telegraph services on commission basis wherever feasible.

2. Each Long Distance Public Telephone agent may be paid the following commission for the present for telegraph traffic handled by him:

Each telegram booked - Rs. 1/-

Each telegram received and delivered - Rs. 1-50p

This will be addition to any payment be is entitled to for handling telephone traffic.

These commission charges to Long Distance Public Telephone Agent can be added in the payment to be made by the persons sending the telegram.

3. Outgoing telegram should be passed on to telegraph offices immediately after booking by the Long Distance Public Telephone agents and received telegram should be delivered urgently on their receipt during working hours.

4. For handling telephone, telegraph etc. outside the working hours, Long Distance Public Telephone agent may be entitled to charge late fee as prescribed from time to time by the Government.

Cruelty against Women

*619. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cruelty against